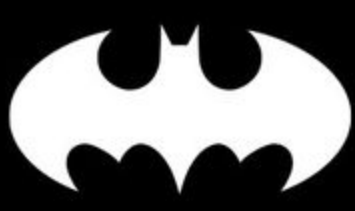


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THE LUCKY LIGHTHOUSE CASINO.

BLÜDHAVEN
IS GOING
BANKRUPT!



THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT
HAS SHUT DOWN
ALL GAMBLING IN
BLÜDHAVEN
INDEFINITELY--

OUR CASH
RESERVES
ARE RUNNING
OUT--

OCCUPANCY
RATE AT THE HOTEL
IS CRATERING--

THIS
SCANDAL IS WAY,
WAY BEYOND THE
USUAL BRIBES AND
GRATUITIES--



THE FEDS
AREN'T EVEN
RETURNING
OUR CALLS
NOW--

STOP.

I NEED TO
BE ALONE.

BUT MS.
WEATHERTON--

NOW.

MY CASINO IS ABOUT TO GO OUT OF BUSINESS.

YOU HERE TO RESCUE ME?

HEY, LUCY.

I KNOW, I KNOW, MY TIMING COULDN'T BE WORSE.

BUT IT'S AN EMERGENCY--

FORGET ABOUT IT. ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE YOU, ROBIN.

I MEAN, NIGHTWING! SORRY.

I NEED YOUR HELP. THE JUDGE. HE'S BACK.

OH, HELL.

HE'S BEHIND THE MAYOR'S DEATH?

AND THE GAMBLING LOCKDOWN...

REMEMBER WHEN WE FACED HIM BEFORE?

OF COURSE. THE NIGHT WE MET.

IT WAS MY FIRST TIME...

"...IN
BLÜDHAVEN.

"HOW MANY
YEARS AGO NOW?

"THE NIGHT OF
THE CITY HALL
KILLINGS.



"THE MURDERER
HAD NO CRIMINAL
RECORD.

"HE WAS CONFUSED,
ASTONISHED.

"COULDN'T
BELIEVE HE KILLED
SOMEONE.

"ALL OPPORTUNITY,
NO MOTIVE. NO
EXPLANATION MADE
SENSE.

"BUT BY THE TIME
THE COPS GOT TO
HIM, HE WAS NO
USE TO ANYONE...

"THERE WAS
A GOLD CASINO
CHIP ON HIM.

"AND A PARKING TICKET.
BLÜDHAVEN PARKING
ENFORCEMENT NEVER
SLEEPS.

"IT POINTED US
TO THE OLD BAILY
CHURCH...

"...AND TWO GUYS
WHO DIDN'T
LOOK MUCH LIKE
PRIESTS."



"THEY WERE NO
MATCH FOR

BATMAN and ROBIN!

"I HAD BEEN IN
THE COSTUME
FOR LESS THAN
A MONTH..."

"...AND I HAD NO IDEA WHAT I WAS DOING."

TRY HARDER, ROBIN. IN THE FIELD...

...FAILURE IS DEATH.



"I WAS ALREADY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH DEATH."

"AFTER YOU SEE YOUR PARENTS DIE IN FRONT OF YOU, YOU DON'T HAVE VERY MANY FEARS LEFT."



THREE MURDERS IN GOTHAM. AND A CRIMINAL IN BLÜDHAVEN CALLED "THE JUDGE" IS RESPONSIBLE. BUT HOW?

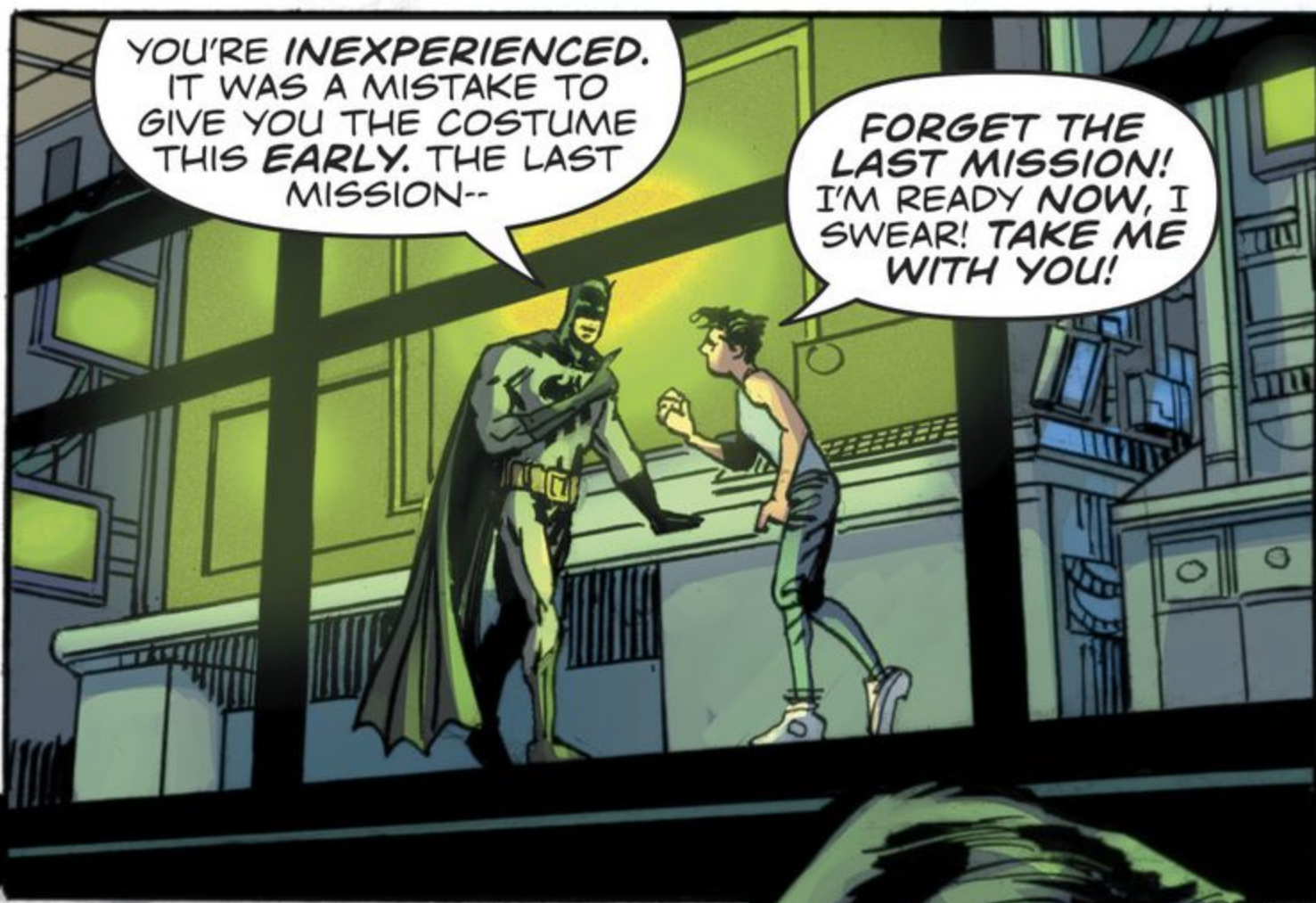
YOU'LL KEEP UP YOUR TRAINING WHILE I'M IN BLÜDHAVEN.

WHAT?! NO WAY!



YOU'RE INEXPERIENCED. IT WAS A MISTAKE TO GIVE YOU THE COSTUME THIS EARLY. THE LAST MISSION--

FORGET THE LAST MISSION! I'M READY NOW, I SWEAR! TAKE ME WITH YOU!

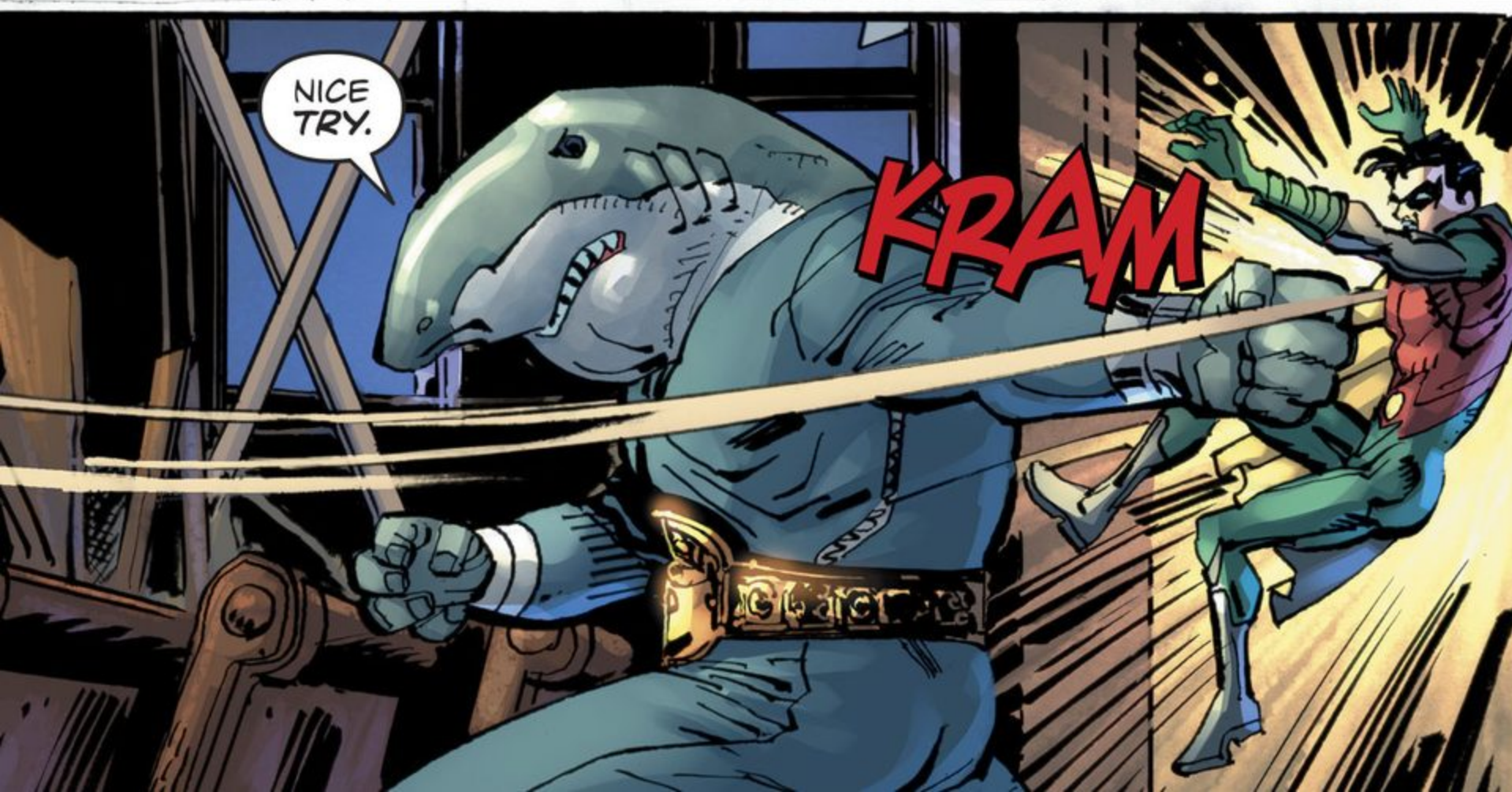


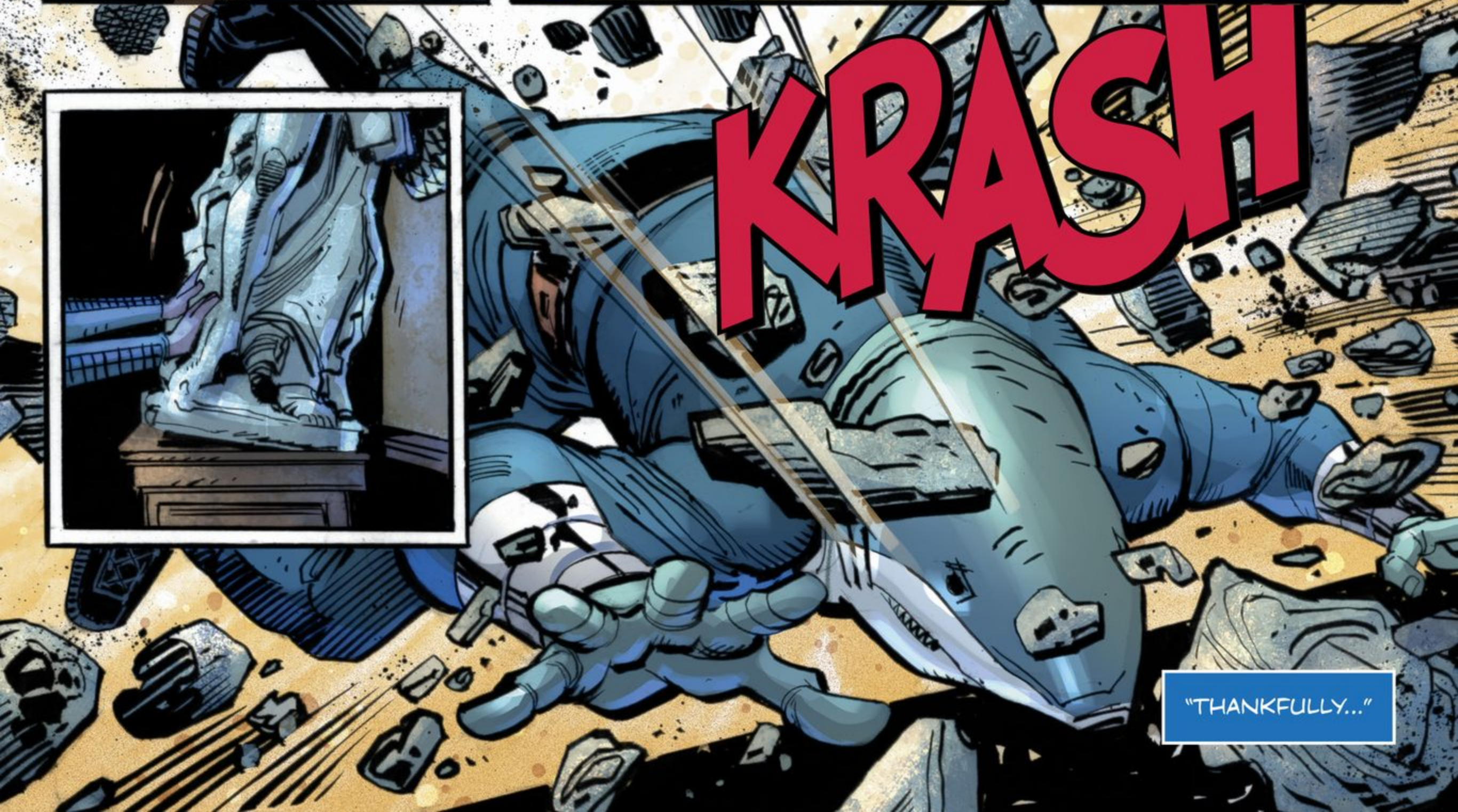
"BUT I DID HAVE ONE FEAR."

"THAT I WAS A SCREWUP. A LOSER. NOT GOOD ENOUGH."

"I WAS AFRAID HE WAS GONNA FIGURE IT OUT. AND THAT WOULD BE THE END OF THAT."









"...YOU SHOWED UP."

"COUNT YOUR LUCKY STARS I HAD BEEN FOLLOWING YOU AND BATMAN ALL NIGHT!"

YOU'RE WELCOME.

I'M BABY RUTHLESS AND I JUST SAVED YOUR ASS.

WHAT BRINGS YOU ACROSS THE RIVER? GOTHAM TOO QUIET FOR YOU?



LOOK, BATMAN-- WE GOT A COPYCAT CRIME-FIGHTER!

"YOU WERE SUCH A LITTLE SNOT."



TRY AGAIN, KID. I'VE BEEN PROTECTING BLÜDHAVEN FOR A LONG, LONG TIME.

WITH A BASEBALL BAT AND SNEAKERS...?



WITH WHATEVER I GOT.

THE GANGS, THE CRIMINALS... NOBODY DOES ANYTHING. LEAST OF ALL THE COPS.

MY DAD RUNS A BODEGA. THEY'RE RUNNING HIM OUT OF BUSINESS. SO, I TOOK THE BULL BY THE HORNS...

SEEMS ILL-ADVISED.

"I COULD TELL RIGHT THEN--THAT'S WHEN HE STARTED TO TRUST YOU."



WE'RE INVESTIGATING A STRING OF MURDERS. SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO A BLÜDHAVEN GANGSTER.

CALLS HIMSELF "THE JUDGE."

YEAH, GOOD LUCK.

HE NEVER DOES HIS OWN DIRTY WORK, HE GETS OTHER PEOPLE TO DO IT FOR HIM.

GROOOAN!

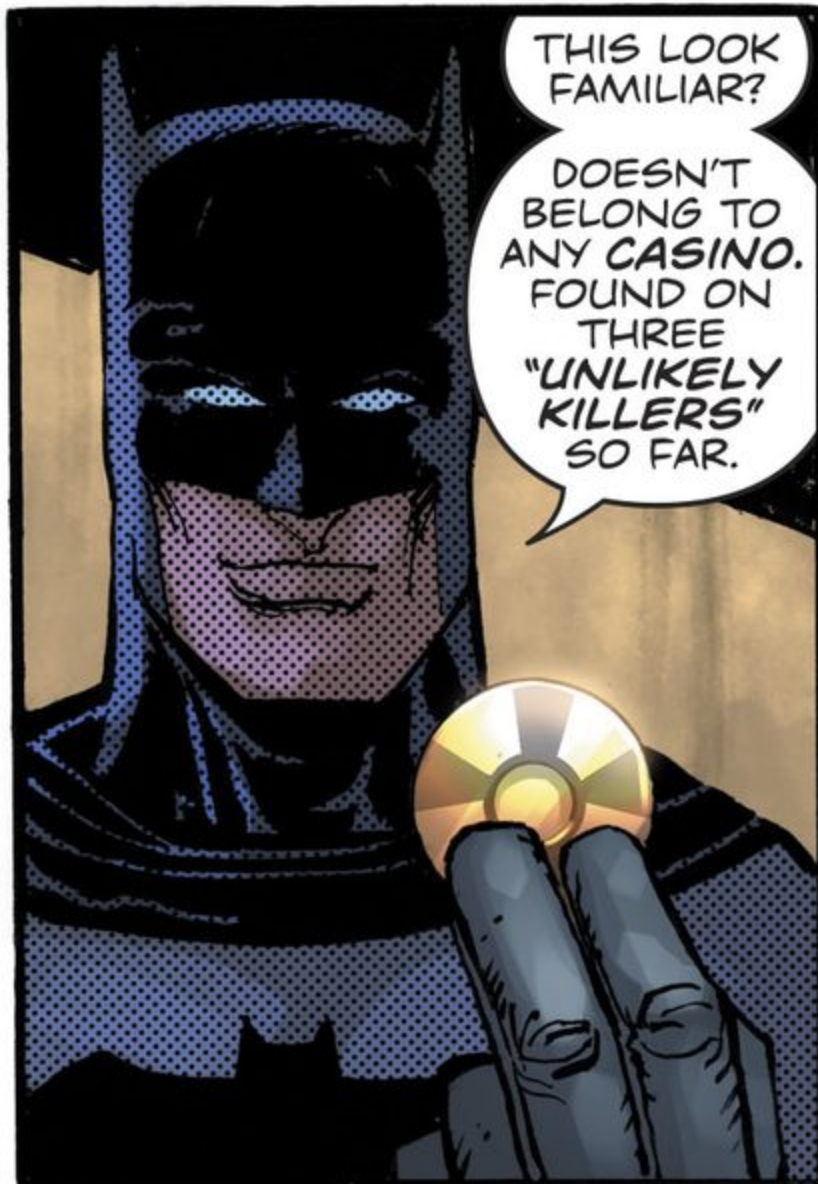


THWAK



AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THUGS, EITHER--REGULAR PEOPLE. HOUSEWIVES, ACCOUNTANTS...

NO ONE YOU WOULD EXPECT TO PULL OFF A MURDER. I DON'T GET IT.



THIS LOOK FAMILIAR?

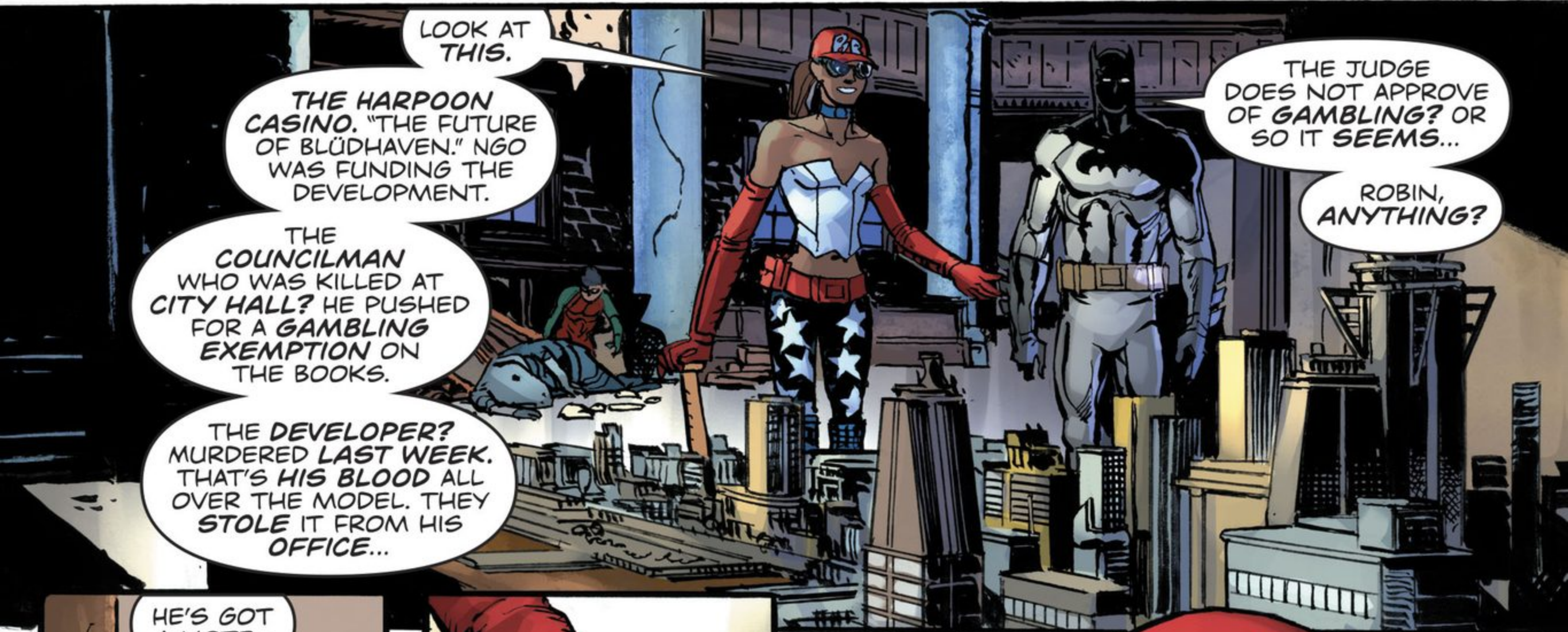
DOESN'T BELONG TO ANY CASINO. FOUND ON THREE "UNLIKELY KILLERS" SO FAR.



LET ME GUESS.

ONE OF THE CORPSES WAS LISA NGO. THE GOTHAM FINANCIER.

HOW DID YOU KNOW?



LOOK AT THIS.

THE HARPOON CASINO. "THE FUTURE OF BLÜDHAVEN." NGO WAS FUNDING THE DEVELOPMENT.

THE COUNCILMAN WHO WAS KILLED AT CITY HALL? HE PUSHED FOR A GAMBLING EXEMPTION ON THE BOOKS.

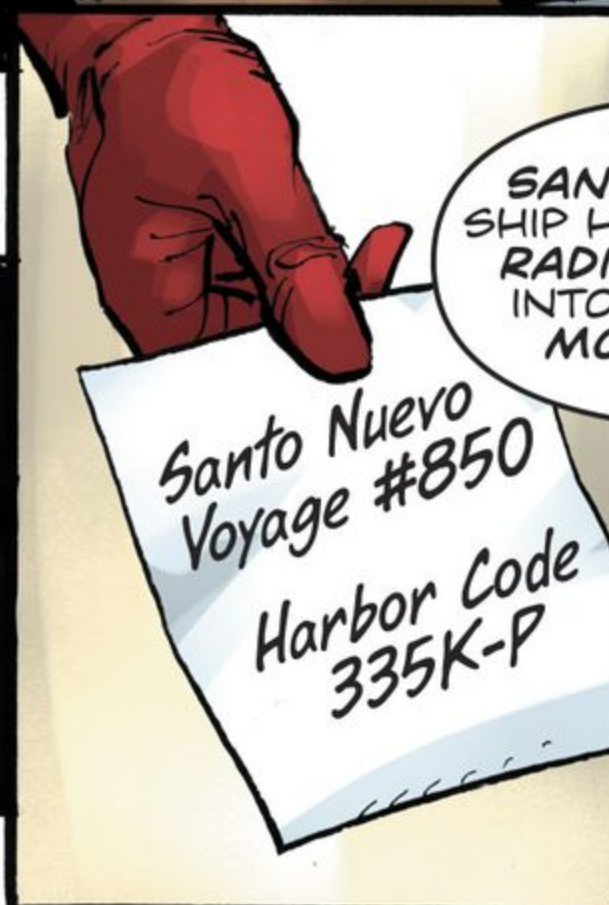
THE DEVELOPER? MURDERED LAST WEEK. THAT'S HIS BLOOD ALL OVER THE MODEL. THEY STOLE IT FROM HIS OFFICE...

THE JUDGE DOES NOT APPROVE OF GAMBLING? OR SO IT SEEMS...

ROBIN, ANYTHING?



HE'S GOT A NOTE--



I KNOW THE SANTO NUEVO. THAT SHIP HAS BEEN CARRYING RADIOACTIVE WASTE INTO BLÜDHAVEN FOR MONTHS. ILLEGAL DUMPING.

Santo Nuevo
Voyage #850
Harbor Code
335K-P



AND THAT HARBOR CODE-- SHE'S DUE IN TONIGHT!

I ASSUME YOU'LL WANT TO FOLLOW ME...

"IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU..."



"...WE NEVER WOULD HAVE CAUGHT UP TO THE JUDGE."

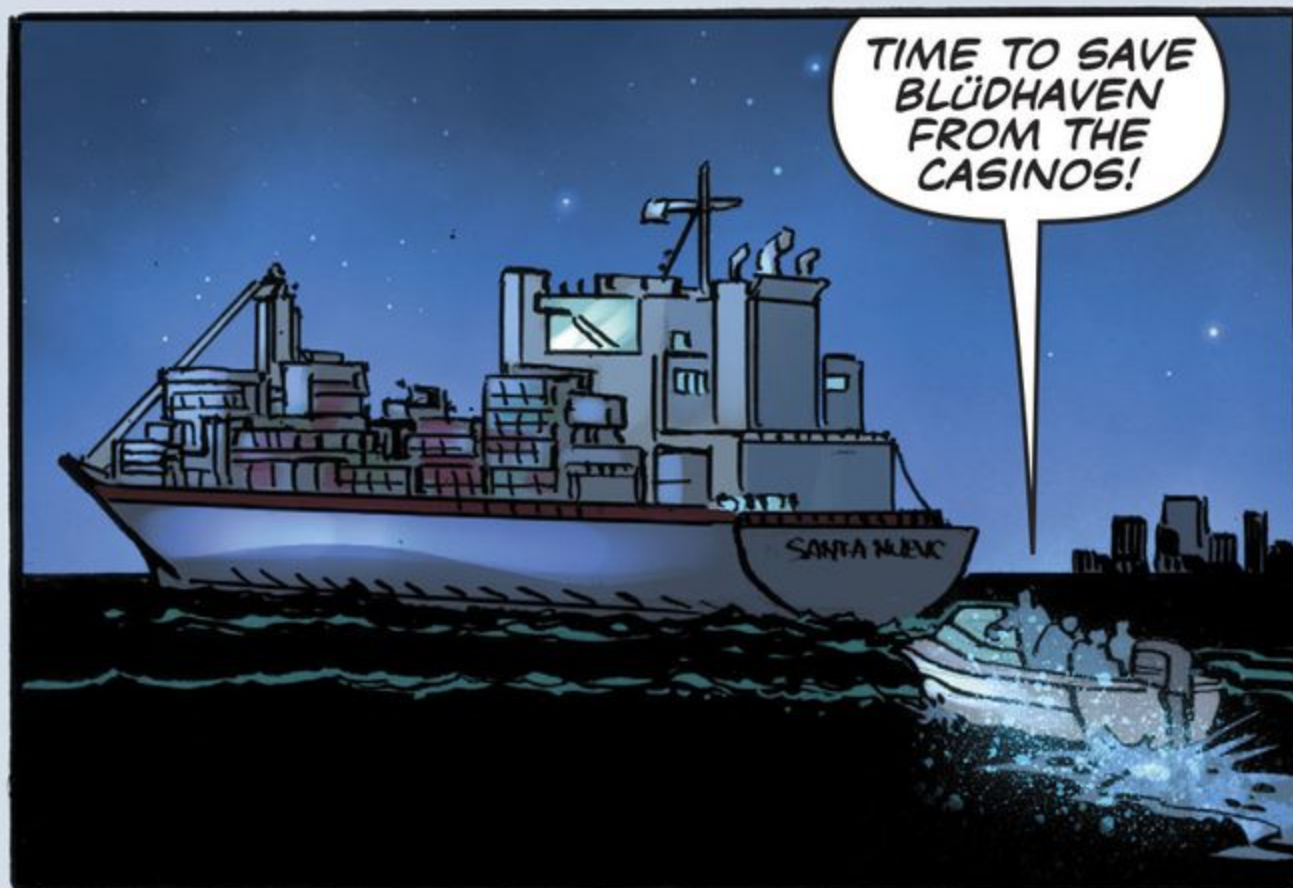
GAMBLING ISN'T THE FUTURE OF BLÜDHAVEN! IT'S A CORRUPT CON JOB TO ROB THE PEOPLE.



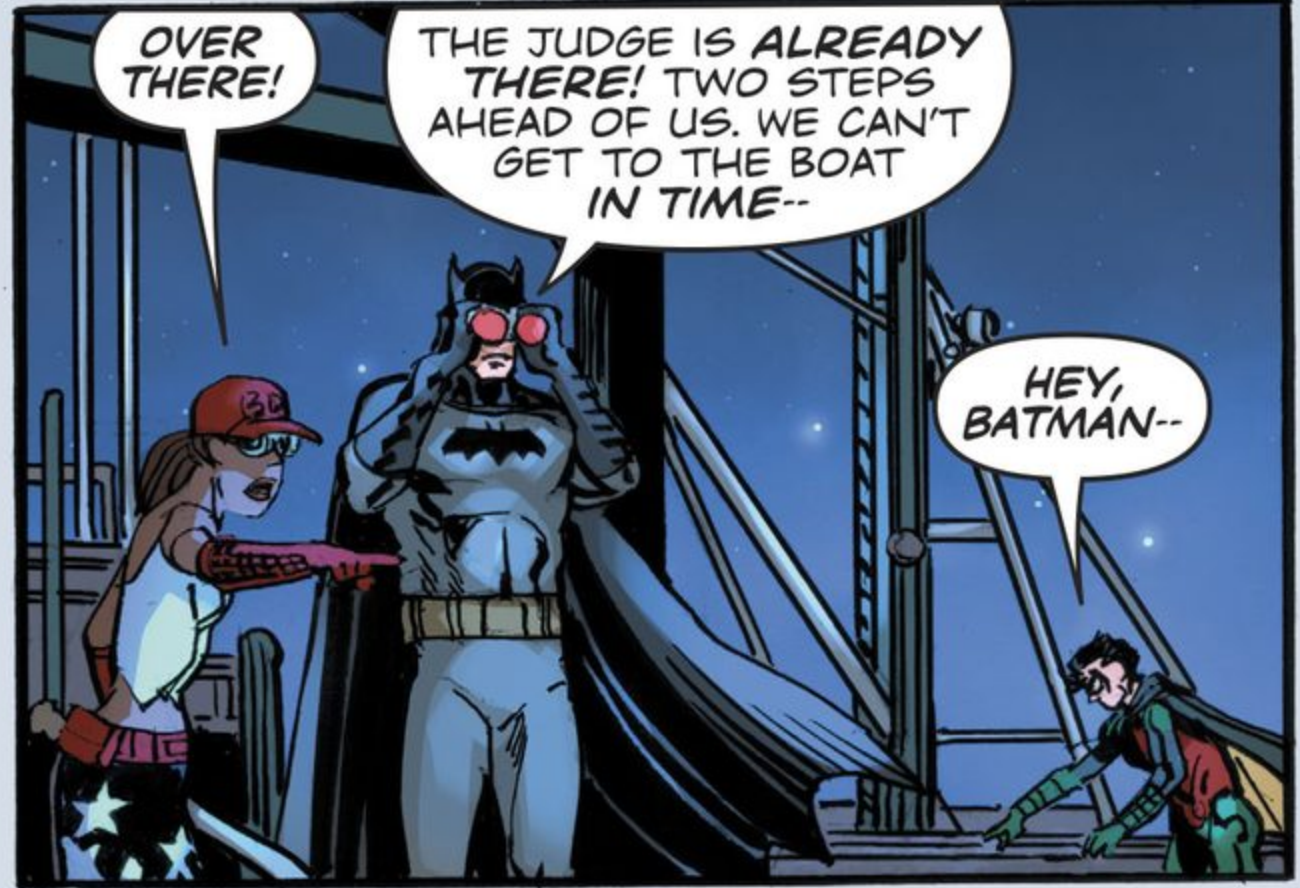
TONIGHT? WE MAKE SURE THAT CAN NEVER, EVER HAPPEN.

STEP ON IT!

YOU GOT IT, JUDGE!



TIME TO SAVE BLÜDHAVEN FROM THE CASINOS!



OVER THERE!

THE JUDGE IS ALREADY THERE! TWO STEPS AHEAD OF US. WE CAN'T GET TO THE BOAT IN TIME--

HEY, BATMAN--



--LOOK AT THAT!

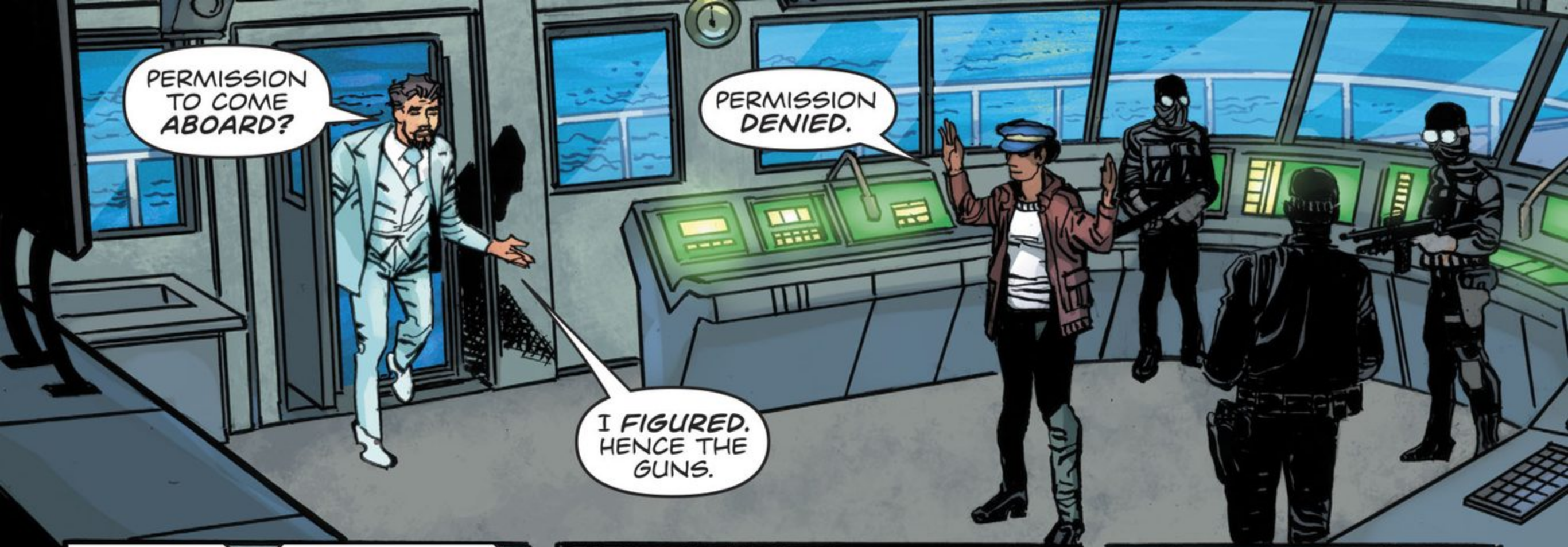


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AH, WHAT A LOVELY BOAT!

WHAT A STUNNING NIGHT FOR A VOYAGE!



PERMISSION
TO COME
ABOARD?

PERMISSION
DENIED.

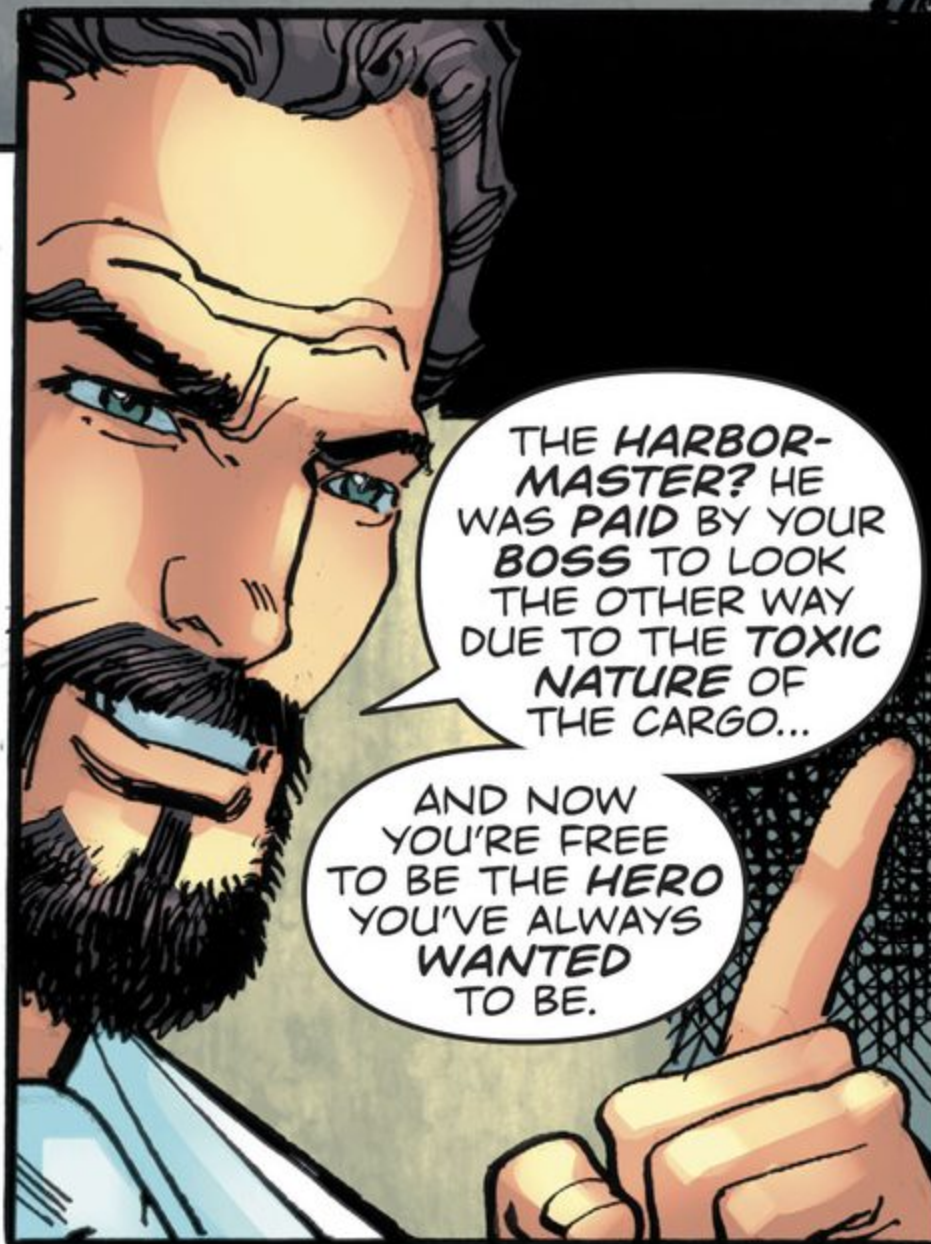
I FIGURED.
HENCE THE
GUNS.



WHAT DO
YOU WANT,
CAPTAIN?

YOU'RE THE
ONE HIJACKING,
HERE.

BY
THE WAY, THE
HARBORMASTER
WILL BE ALERTING
THE COAST
GUARD--



THE HARBOR-
MASTER? HE
WAS PAID BY YOUR
BOSS TO LOOK
THE OTHER WAY
DUE TO THE TOXIC
NATURE OF
THE CARGO...

AND NOW
YOU'RE FREE
TO BE THE HERO
YOU'VE ALWAYS
WANTED
TO BE.



...EXCUSE
ME?



YOU'RE
SICK OF BRINGING
THIS RADIOACTIVE
SLUDGE INTO
AMERICAN
CITIES.

YOU WANT
TO BE THE GOOD GUY
INSTEAD. THE PERSON
WHO BRINGS THE CRIMES
TO LIGHT. YOU WANT THE
WORLD TO KNOW...
IT WAS YOU.

WHAT...
B-BUT--



I'M THE
JUDGE OF ALL
CREATION.

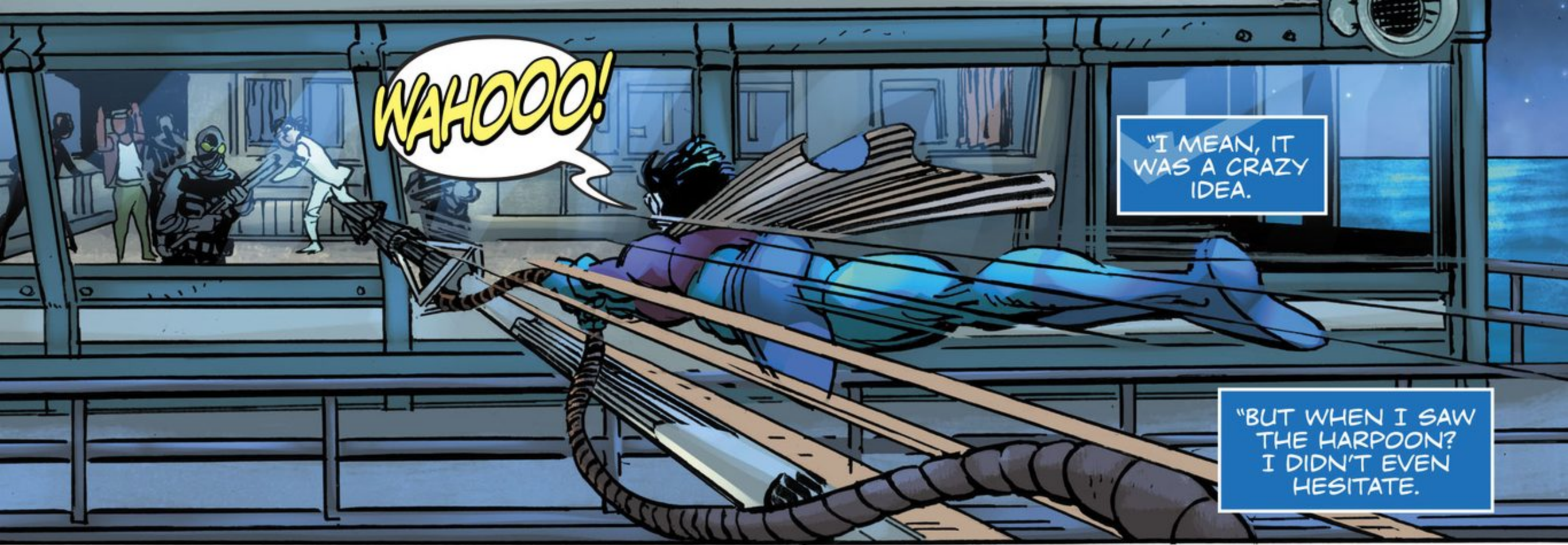
I CAN
GIVE YOU WHAT
YOU WANT. BUT
YOU HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING
FOR ME.

THAT'S
THE DEAL,
CAPTAIN JULIA
GUTIÉRREZ.

NUCLEAR WASTE
WILL RENDER ANY SITE
UNINHABITABLE FOR
GENERATIONS.

RAM THIS
SHIP RIGHT WHERE
THEY WANT TO PUT
THE CASINO.

BOSS--!



WAHOOO!

"I MEAN, IT WAS A CRAZY IDEA."

"BUT WHEN I SAW THE HARPOON? I DIDN'T EVEN HESITATE."



"THAT'S HOW EAGER I WAS TO PROVE MYSELF."

"IT MEANT EVERYTHING TO ME. BECAUSE I HAD NOTHING ELSE LEFT."

GREAT SHOT BY BATMAN!

ROBIN, THE TEENAGE TYPHOON, HERE TO KICK YOUR BUTTS!



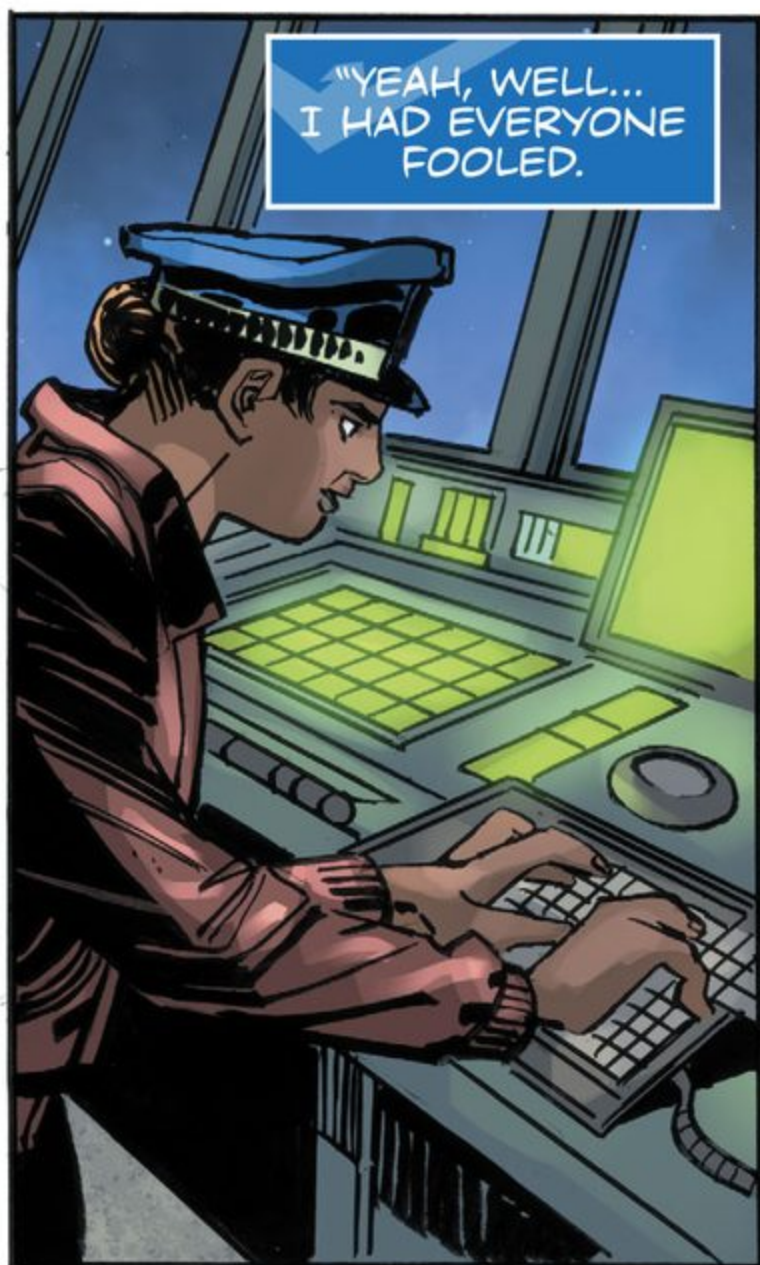
A REWARD
FOR THE MAN
WHO KILLS
ROBIN!



"I HAD NEVER
SEEN A KID MOVE
SO FAST BEFORE."



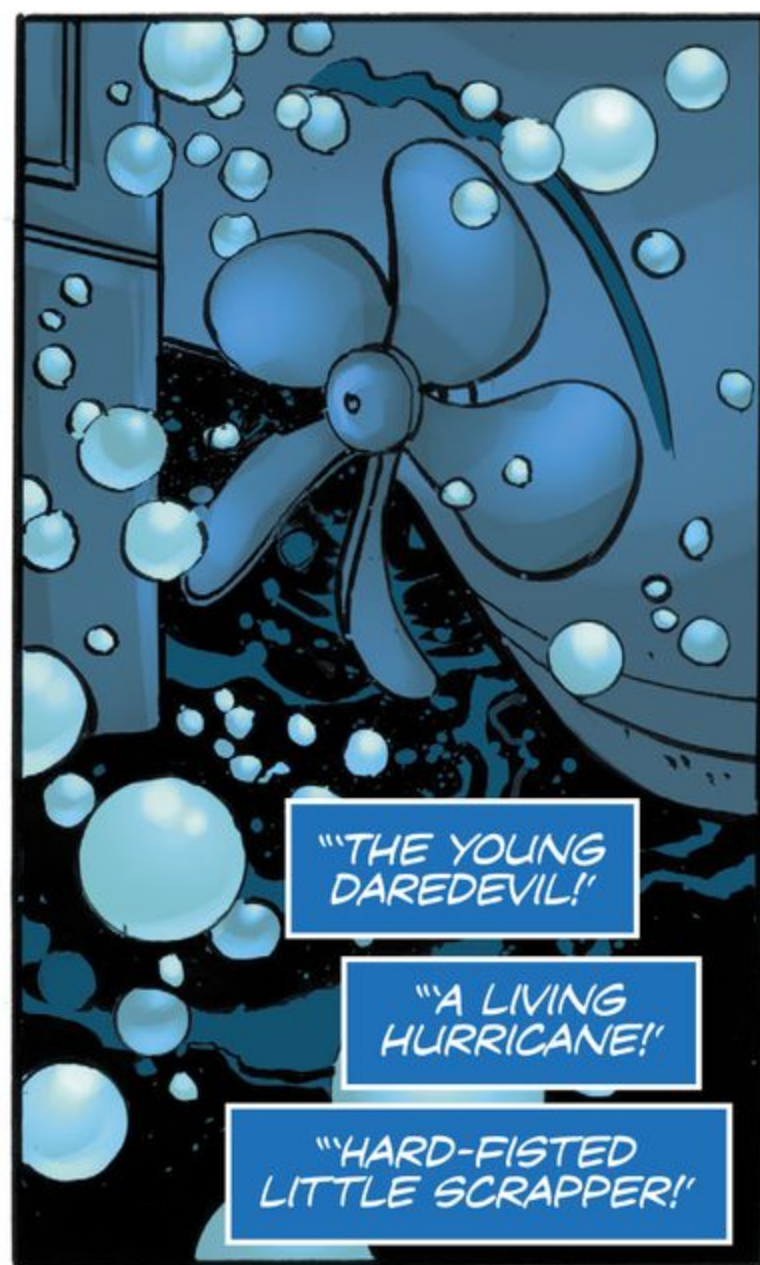
"ROBIN THE
UNTOUCHABLE!"



"YEAH, WELL...
I HAD EVERYONE
FOOLED."



"EVERYTHING
THEY CALLED
ME BACK
THEN..."



"THE YOUNG
DAREDEVIL!"

"A LIVING
HURRICANE!"

"HARD-FISTED
LITTLE SCRAPER!"



"I WAS PUNCHING
AND KICKING AND
JOKING ALL THE
TIME..."



"...EVERYONE
FORGOT WHAT
I HAD BEEN
THROUGH."



OVER
HERE!

OBVIOUSLY.





"IF I COULD
BRING IN THE
JUDGE."



"WHATEVER
IT TOOK."



GOTCHA!

"I HAD HIM,
LUCY."



THOK

WUFF--!



GAAH--!

THAK



"HE WAS
TRAPPED!"



"BUT THEN..."

"...I SCREWED UP.

"I WENT TOO HARD.

"THE JUDGE ESCAPED.

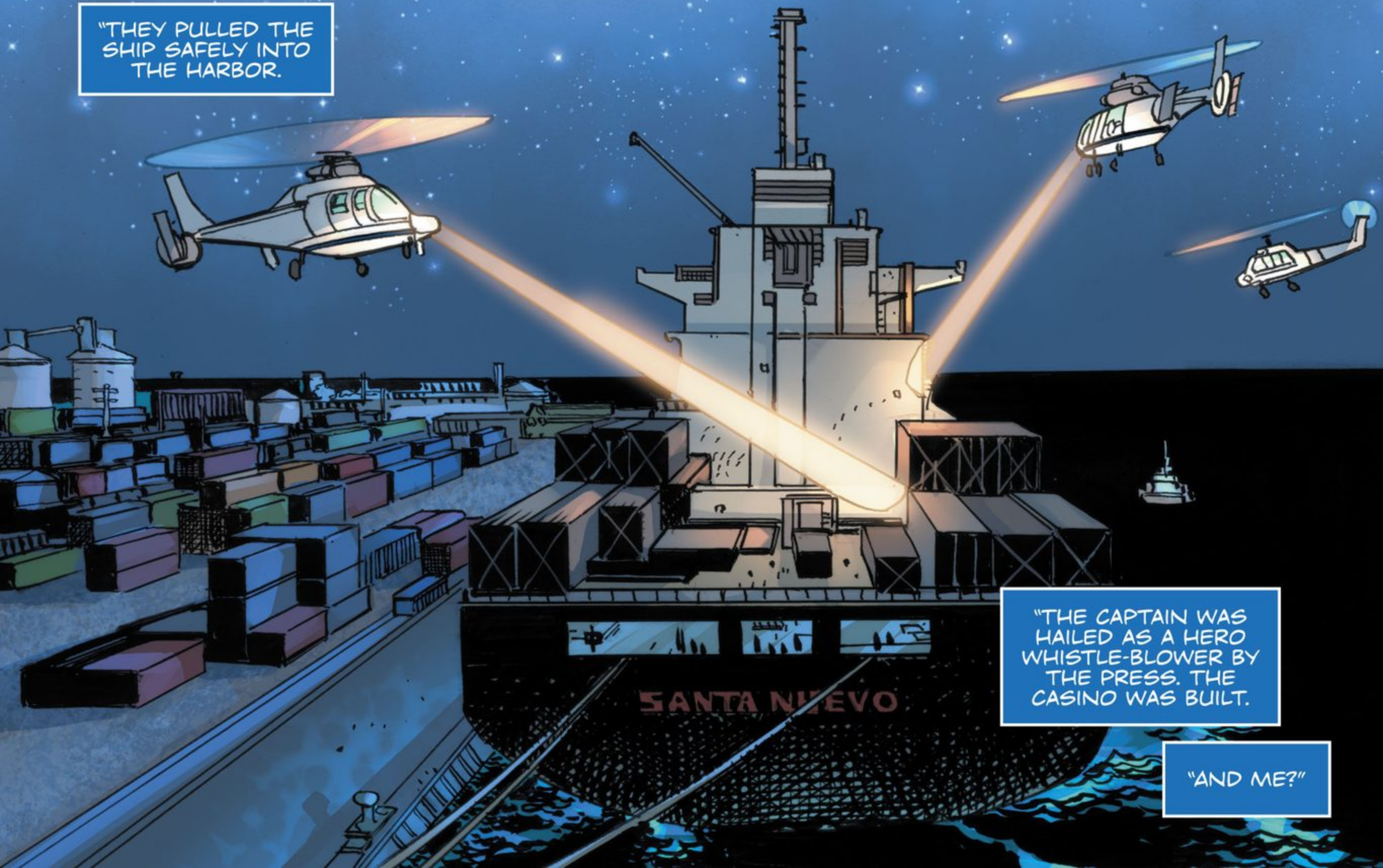
"AND IT WAS MY FAULT.



SPLASH



"THEY PULLED THE SHIP SAFELY INTO THE HARBOR.



"THE CAPTAIN WAS HAILED AS A HERO WHISTLE-BLOWER BY THE PRESS. THE CASINO WAS BUILT.

"AND ME?"



"...I WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.



"FAILURE IS DEATH.

"I SCREWED UP BAD. AND THERE WAS NO WAY TO HIDE IT.



"BATMAN WAS FINALLY GOING TO FIGURE IT OUT.

"AND I WAS GOING TO BE ON MY OWN.



"THE END OF MY NEW HOME.

"MY NEW LIFE. MY IDENTITY.

"BECAUSE IF I COULDN'T BE ROBIN, THEN WHO THE HELL COULD I BE?"



ROBIN.



"YOU'RE NOT
THE SIDEKICK
ANYMORE."

"AND BLÜDHAVEN
IS NO LONGER A
STRUGGLING CITY."

WE **SAVED** THE
HARBOR THAT
NIGHT.

NOW THERE ARE
CASINOS **EVERY-**
WHERE.

AND LOOK AT YOU,
LUCY! FROM **BABY**
RUTHLESS AND
A **BODEGA**...

...TO A
CASINO AND
A HOTEL!

WITH
A **SECOND**
CASINO ON THE
WAY! IF THE **FEDS**
OPEN THE TOWN
AGAIN.

I HUNG UP
MY **BASEBALL BAT**
FOR **GOOD** AFTER
KING STURGEON TOOK
OVER THE **JUDGE'S**
GANG.

I STILL
WISH I COULD'VE
SAVED MY DAD'S
BODEGA.

DON'T
BE SO HARD
ON YOURSELF.
YOU'VE **ACHIEVED**
A LOT.

AND
YOU? YOU SHOULD
STOP **BEATING**
YOURSELF UP,
TOO.

I HAD **TWO CHANCES**
TO STOP HIM. THERE
WAS ANOTHER TIME,
WHEN I WAS IN
COLLEGE.

NOW?
THE **JUDGE**
KEEPS **KILLING**. AND
PEOPLE KEEP **DYING**.
THAT'S ON ME, AND
I CAN'T JUST...

WAIT. DID
YOU SAY **KING**
STURGEON?

THE
WRESTLING
SHARK WE
FOUGHT IN **BAILY**
CHURCH?!



"KING STURGEON
IS STILL ALIVE!"

"I MET HIS SON,
THE GUPPY! HE'S STILL
IN BLÜDHAVEN!"

THE UNTOUCHABLE

CHAPTER 3: RUTHLESS



"KING STURGEON
MIGHT BE THE KEY
TO TAKING DOWN
THE JUDGE!"

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"NOW I JUST
HAVE TO GET
TO HIM..."

"...BEFORE
THE JUDGE
DOES!"

NEXT: INFILTRATION!

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WHAT YOU
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HERE**

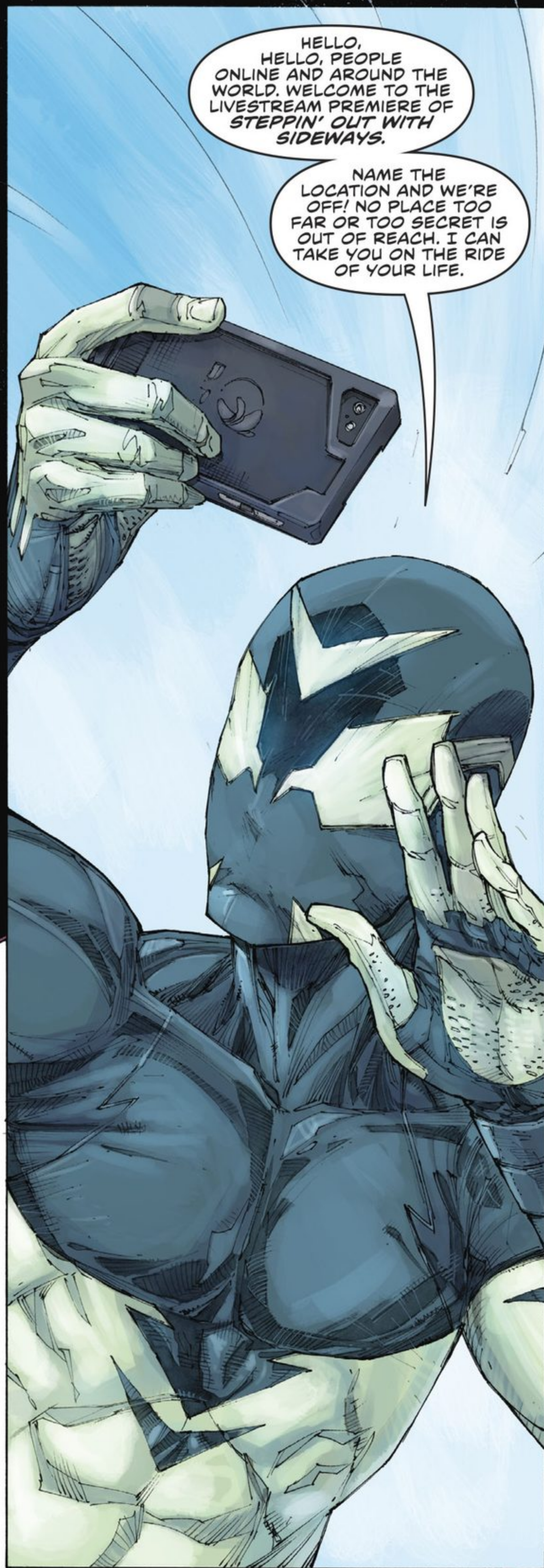
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HELLO,
HELLO, PEOPLE
ONLINE AND AROUND THE
WORLD. WELCOME TO THE
LIVESTREAM PREMIERE OF
**STEPPIN' OUT WITH
SIDEWAYS.**

NAME THE
LOCATION AND WE'RE
OFF! NO PLACE TOO
FAR OR TOO SECRET IS
OUT OF REACH. I CAN
TAKE YOU ON THE RIDE
OF YOUR LIFE.



BET YOU'RE
WONDERING
HOW IT'S
DONE.



KIDS,
DON'T TRY
THIS AT
HOME.

RFFT



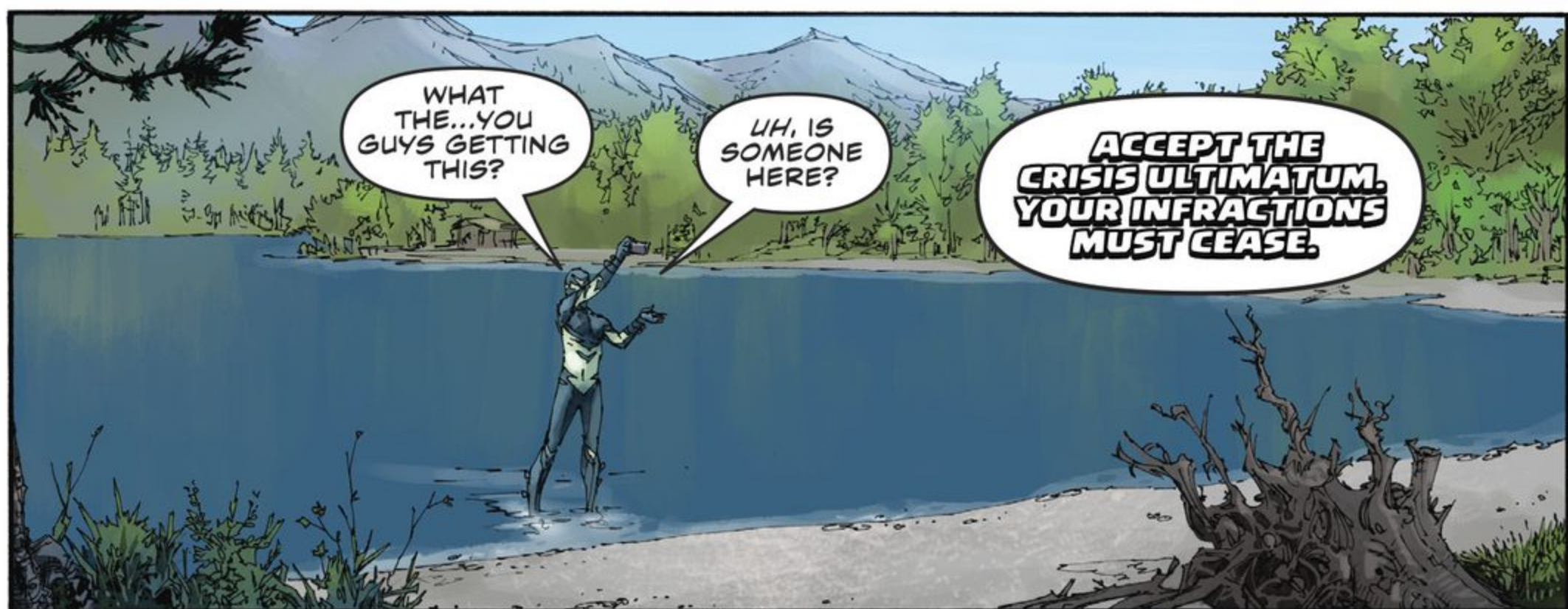
BASICALLY, I CAN
OPEN RIFTS TO
ANYWHERE. I CAN
LOOK THROUGH,
OR...



...I CAN
STEP THROUGH
THEM, SIDE...
WHOOPS!



SPLASH





IGNORANCE
DELAYS THE
INEVITABLE.

OOPS.
EXCUSE ME.
NICE BAG.



NOT LOOKING!
NOT LOOKING!

RFFT



HAVE TO
FIND SOME-
PLACE...



DO
NOT TASK ME
FURTHER.

...SAFE.
NOT HOME.
HAVE TO
KEEP...

RFFT



...MOVING.

UH, NOT
GOOD. NOT
GOOD.

ENOUGH!
HOW MANY
TIMES MUST
I SAY STOP?

THINK

OH, NO...

CRSH

...CRAP.

MOM'S
GOING TO
KILL ME.

I WOULD
NOT BE
CONCERNED.

YOU HAVE BEEN JUDGED A
THREAT TO THE CONTINUED
EXISTENCE OF THIS SPACE-TIME
BRANE. SINCE YOU SEEM UNWILLING
OR UNABLE TO CEASE YOUR
DANGEROUS AND LAWLESS
BEHAVIOR...

YOUR
SENTENCE IS
DEATH.

WAIT,
WHAT?

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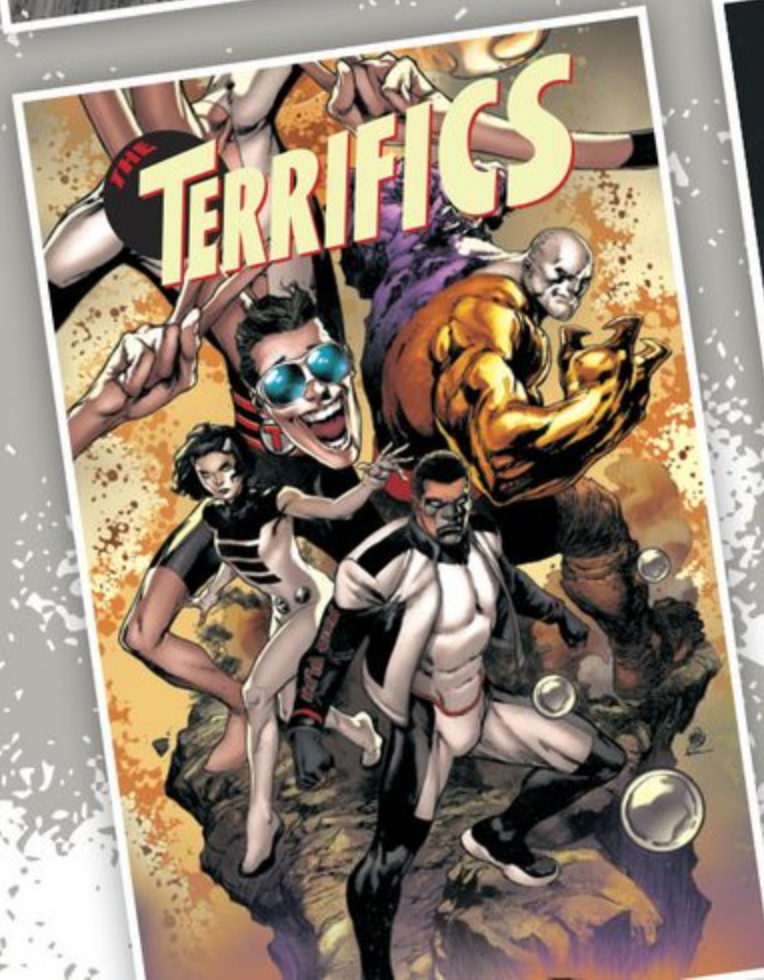
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CHALLENGERS**

**THE
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THE TERRIFICS

A DC ALL ACCESS interview with writer **JEFF LEMIRE**

DC ALL ACCESS: What makes these characters different from more traditional characters in the DC Universe?

JEFF LEMIRE: I think "different" is the key word there. This is a real oddball collection of heroes that probably shouldn't work, but somehow does. Mr. Terrific is the anchor and in many ways the most traditional hero. But even he is a bit of an outsider. His intelligence sets him apart from everyone else, and that can make things a bit lonely for him. Metamorpho and Plastic Man are both very unusual characters. They are outsiders by their very nature. I don't want to spoil anything about Phantom Girl yet.

DCAA: What aspects of your personality did you inject into these characters?

JL: I definitely try to put some of my sense of humor into this book, especially with Metamorpho and Plastic Man. For Mr. Terrific, I had to reach outside of myself a bit. He is such a great character, but not really anything like me, which is okay. It's good to explore new sorts of personalities and characters while working on a book.

DCAA: Why is working on this project exciting?

JL: THE TERRIFICS allows me to do big adventure in the old-school Kirby style, but with a modern sensibility and hopefully a lot of heart and humor.

DCAA: Why should a reader pick up this book (in 12 words or less)?

JL: Ivan Reis. Doc Shaner. Mister Terrific. Metamorpho. Plastic Man. Phantom Girl. Fun.

DCAA: What was the collaboration process with artist Ivan Reis like?

JL: I have been an admirer of Ivan's work since I first saw his art on RANN-THANAGAR WAR about ten years ago. I was immediately struck by the visceral energy of his work. So it's great to finally get to work with him and bring this new DC team to life.

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